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THEATRE FIRE IN A MEXICAN WESTERN PORT

Nearly Three Hundred People
Caught Like Rats and
Roasted.

PICTURE FILM CAUSE.

One Thousand People Were
In the House, a Wooden
Structure.

Mexico City, Feb. 17.—Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred people were burned to death and many injured in a fire which destroyed the Flores Theatre in the city of Acapulco Sunday night. The news of the disaster reached this city Tuesday afternoon, telegraphic communication with that place having been destroyed, owing to the fact that the telegraph office, which adjoined the theatre, was burned and all the wires were put out of commission.

The Flores Theatre was a wooden structure and over 1,000 people crowded into it to witness a special performance given in honor of Gov. Damian Flores.

One of the numbers on the program consisted of a series of moving pictures. While the operator was exhibiting these the film caught fire and the blaze was quickly communicated to some of the bunting which had been used for decorative purposes. In an incredibly short time the flames spread to all parts of the

CHAIRMAN BARKER CONSTRUES DEAL

That those who were not in very close touch with the proceedings of last week, may better understand the provisions of the agreement reached, whereby farmers may sell tobacco loose through the Association, is the following written.

Aside from the fact that the tobacco may be delivered loose from the wagon to the factory, the two chief points in the agreement were, that the purchaser must pay not less than the Association price, and must buy in lots of not less than 500,000 pounds. To make the sale, a pool of not less than 500,000 pounds is formed. The farmers making up the pool, then take from their barns to the Association salesroom, types fairly representing, so far as possible, their crops of tobacco. At the salesroom, these types are graded by the Association Graders, thereby putting a price on it, which is the minimum price that may be paid for it, but if the pooled farmers can secure a bigger price so much the better, the Association only proposing to protect them from being forced to take a lower price.

The claim has often been made by tobacco buyers as well as farmers, that a better price could be paid or secured, as the case may be, with the tobacco in the loose state than that secured by the Association after its being priced. If this is so, surely the opportunity is afforded by the terms of this agreement, and buyers of such pools should be easily found. After a purchaser for such pool

is found and the sale is made, the tobacco is delivered loose at the purchaser's factory or warehouse, where the association furnishes a grader, of the pooled farmers' selection, and an accountant to see that the tobacco comes up to the type by which the purchase is made, and to help weigh and keep accounts, etc.

The complaint has already been made by the small farmer that he doesn't get a square deal in this matter: that although it is understood this agreement applies equally to all localities, yet where a community is composed of farmers all of whom have small crops, that there will be trouble in securing a pool of 500,000 pounds. To this I will say I believe you will not have as much trouble making up the pool as you will in finding the purchaser.

Also if a pool is formed and a sale made, for instance by the farmers of the Longview precinct, to the Imperial Tobacco Company, there is no reason why any farmer from anywhere, one owning even 1,000 pounds, from Baker's Mill precinct say, should not have his crop graded by the Association graders and let it go to the Imperial Tobacco Company, provided said Company will pay the price and provided delivery is made while pooled tobacco is being delivered, there being no limit over 500,000 pounds which a man may buy.

J. L. BARKER,
Chairman.

Pembroke, Ky., Feb. 15.

structure.

There were but three narrow exits and the panic-stricken audience rushed to them, many falling to be

crushed to death, their bodies choking the way of escape to the others. Owing to the rapidity with which the fire spread and its intense heat, it was impossible to attempt rescue work, and those imprisoned were literally roasted alive, as the fire burned with little smoke and and only a few were suffocated.

M. W. OF A. NOTICE.

The Modern Woodmen of America will meet in regular session tomorrow night at 7:30. All members are requested to be present. Several candidates for initiation and other business of importance to be transacted.

MORE LOCAL FARMERS SUED

By the Eddyville Men Who
Were Whipped a Year
Ago.

IN THE FEDERAL COURT.

Some of Christian County's
Wealthiest Planters Made
Defendants.

Last Saturday's Paducah Sun contained the following account of an amended petition for damages in the U. S. Court by L. M. Wood:

"Felix G. Ewing, general manager of the Planters' Protective Association, is named as a defendant in an amended petition filed in the federal court by L. M. Wood, formerly of Eddyville, who asks for \$25,000 damages.

"The additional defendants are: 'James B. Davis, Wylie Rawles, Luther Hays, Peter O. Hobson, Joseph Boitnot, Joseph Stone, Noah Nichols, Wm. M. Hobby, Finis Hobby, Isaac Harper, Berin McChesney, Forrest Colmont, Chas. F. Johnson, Richard Hart, Bart Griffith, Ben M. Board, Alex Lowery, Jas. Pool, Porter Hunter, Charles Eldred, R. F. Rives, Ed D. Jones, W. W. Radford, Sidney Smith, Cal Lowery, Hise McChesney, Bob Vannerson, Jr., Esquire Nabb, Robert Johnson, Ed Harris, Ike G. Salles, A. E. Brown, Dr. W. P. Morse, Spencer Calvert, Mangel Calvert, Luther Hobby, Albert McChesney, Kelley Holman, Robert Ervine, Robert Calvert, Felix G. Ewing.

"Former Police Judge C. W. Rucker, of Eddyville, has amended his petition in federal court for \$50,000 damages so as to include 57 additional defendants, who, he alleges, are responsible for the whipping administered to him the night of February 15, 1908.

"The 42 above named in the L. M. Wood case are included and the following additional ones:

C. C. Piercy, Al Berry, James McGregor, W. L. Collins, Willis Jacobs, Denny Cash, William Stephens, Silas Sizemore, John Gregory, Robert Barnett, Charles Barnett, Joel B. Fort, Pete P. Harolson."

The amended petitions include two of the wealthiest farmers of Christian county, Messrs. Robt. F. Rives and Ed D. Jones. They also include Mr. W. W. Radford and I. G. Salles, who are thus made defendants in three different suits. They are sued not as being concerned in the raid, but for alleged responsibility as Association members.

CHARLIE RITTER

Died Sunday at McAlester,
Oklahoma.

Mr. Chas. L. Ritter, Sr., formerly of this city, died at McAlester, Oklahoma, Sunday, after a long illness, of kidney trouble. He was about 50 years old and is survived by his wife and five children. He left here about seven years ago. Interment at McAlester.

Howell-McPherson.

The wedding of Mr. Geo. C. Howell and Miss Annie McPherson will take place this evening and will be the leading social event of the month.

Circuit Court.

The suit of Jno. T. Ricketts vs. Southern Express Co. was dismissed on peremptory instructions.

The suit of W. M. Kelly vs. W. S. Bartlett, on account of a horse trade, was on trial yesterday.

Loose Tobacco Sales.

The sales on the loose floor this week have been active and have ranged from 20,000 to 50,000

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Hopkinsville, Ky.

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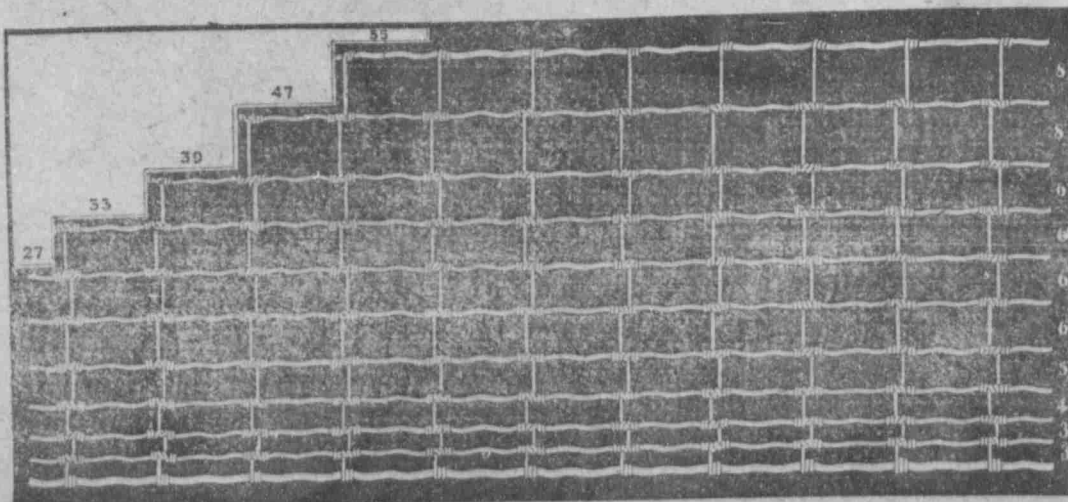
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